

MINUTES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AND DELTA AREA COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 10, 1999

Welcome and Administrative Remarks

LCDR Pete Gautier, USCG opened the meeting by reminding the Committee that the group had not met since July due to the oil spill in Eureka, CA in September during the week of the last scheduled meeting. He advised the Committee that he would be giving a presentation on the spill later on in the meeting. LCDR Gautier then turned over to LT Larry Kirsch, DFG, for comments. LT Kirsch introduced LT Mark Crossland, DFG's new Lieutenant.

LCDR Gautier briefed the Committee on the status of the ACP revision. The latest deadline for the completion of the plan is November 15, only five days away. Currently, the Alternative Countermeasures, including In-Situ Burning and Dispersants; Wildlife Operations; and the phone numbers and contact lists are all completed. The SISRS (Site Information and Spill Response Strategy) Database and Oil Spill Trajectories still need to be completed. The San Diego and Los Angeles/Long Beach plans are completed. Mr. Tim Holmes will present a brief to the Committee at the next meeting.

LCDR Gautier announced the agenda for the morning and introduced the Subcommittee chairs for their individual briefings.

Subcommittee Briefings:

- 1. SS/GRP (Sensitive Site/Geographic Response Plan).** Carl Jochums reported that he is nearly completed with the Sensitive Site portion of the ACP revision. Some of the changes included in this revision are the addition of a 'preamble' to each sensitive site that defines words used within the strategy as well as a list of strategic objectives. The database will be available after the revision is completed, sometime in early 2000, on both the OSPR and CG MSO San Francisco Bay websites. Jim Hardwick then discussed his work with Heather Parker-Hall of NOAA to complete the TAP program for trajectories. Scenarios were combined to illustrate the most probable site of oil deposition. For each of the scenarios, an illustration was made for the state of the oil at 12, 24, 48, and 72 hours without weather or tidal input. These five pictures were developed for scenarios in GRP 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. No models have been completed for GRP 7 through 10. Jim plans to work with Carl to merge the trajectories with the database to establish required equipment for each scenario.
- 2. Drills and Exercises/Lessons Learned.** Terry Joslin reported that there have been numerous drills held recently by industry. For next drill season, he is looking for the different facilities to schedule their exercises much earlier. It caused a problem this year when several companies scheduled their drills on the same date. The Subcommittee plans to meet in early January to discuss lessons learned from the 1999 drill season.
- 3. Local Resources.** Steve Ricks was not at the meeting, so LCDR Gautier provided a brief on the Local Resources update to the ACP. The equipment listings in Section 5000 will be by company, not by piece of equipment. Petty Officer Benjamin Gamad of the MSO worked diligently to incorporate this information into the ACP.
- 4. Volunteers.** Nick Salcedo announced himself as Charlotte Robertson's replacement as the chair of the Volunteers subcommittee. He is working with Margaret Melch and Richard Lee. The group has still not heard back on the grant request submitted for \$400K to fund a full time volunteer coordinator position.

5. **Wildlife Operations.** John Tarpley announced that Gary Ott, one of the NOAA SSC's on the east coast is working to develop a National Wildlife Plan. This plan should be available in January. The Wildlife Operations plan that has been incorporated into the ACP revision was utilized during several large spill incidents and exercises, such as the Southern Traffic Lane spill, the Dredge STUYVESANT spill, and the large Chevron Richmond drill. The plan has proved to be very successful in each of these cases. LCDR Gautier thanked John and all of the other Area Committee members for their hard work on completing the ACP revision.

Dredge STUYVESANT spill

LCDR Gautier provided a brief to the Committee on the Dredge Stuyvesant spill off of Eureka, CA back in September. The group discussed the incident and Lessons Learned from the response.

Alternative Response Technologies

Yvonne Adassi of OSPR gave a presentation to the group on the "Ecological Risk Assessment as a Planning Tool for the Use of Alternative Response Technologies". The Ecological Risk Assessment workshops were held three times for three days at a time over a period of eight months to develop a risk matrix for in-situ burning and dispersant response. The workshops identified information gaps in how the technologies work and their effects on wildlife. The group also noted the two major hurdles for the approval of these countermeasures as the approval of the Regional Response Team and the public perception for this type of response.

SMART

Heather Parker-Hall concluded the meeting with a presentation on Special Monitoring of Advanced Response Technologies (SMART). This process monitors different environmental factors during the use of in-situ burning or dispersants. The monitoring group would fall under the Operation Section in the Unified Command structure. The program is still in the acceptance phase, and questions have been raised as to who should conduct the monitoring between Coast Guard Strike Team members and those personnel at the Marine Safety Office.

Set next meeting date

The next meeting will be held at 9:30 AM Tuesday, January 11, 2000 at the Banners Club in Building 18 on Coast Guard Island.